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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. PUE000388

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR FILING LEGAL BRIEFS OR MEMORANDA

On September 14, 2000, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("Staff") filed a motion to extend the time for filing its legal briefs or memoranda in this matter until Friday, September 22, 2000. In support of its motion, Staff states that the Commission's August 10, 2000, Rule to Show Cause in this matter directs in ordering paragraph (6) thereof, that the Staff and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("the Company") submit legal briefs or memoranda concerning the law applicable to material issues in this matter, on or before September 15, 2000. The ordering paragraph also permits the Company's customers that have given written notice of their intent to participate in this proceeding to submit such briefs or memoranda, on or before such date, as well.

The Staff further states that due to the press of matters involving the Commission's Staff and its counsel, the Staff is unable to meet the September 15, 2000, filing date for such briefs or memoranda. Consequently, the Staff desires a one-week

extension of time in which to file the same, namely until Friday, September 22, 2000.

The Staff also represents that the Company's counsel has authorized it to state that the Company has no objection to the extension of time requested in the Staff's motion. In addition, the Staff has requested that the Company, together with any other party entitled to file legal briefs or memoranda in this matter, be granted an extension of time for filing the same, identical to that requested by the Staff.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, the Commission finds that an extension of one week is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Staff is hereby granted a one week extension, i.e., until Friday, September 22, 2000, in which to file its legal briefs or memoranda in this matter.

(2) An identical extension of time in which to file legal briefs or memoranda in this matter is also granted the Company and any other party entitled to file legal briefs or memoranda in this matter.